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A Colony of Vagrant Rag-Pickers Destroy Street Department Property.

THEY LIVED UNDER THE DUMP.

Their Attempt to Cook Breakfast Causes a Loss of \$5,000 to the City.

FIREMEN FIGHT A TUG'S CREW.

The Latter's Hot Streams Scalded Them and They Retaliated with Cold.

Street-Cleaning Department' dumping pier at Forty-sixth street and East River was destroyed by fire this morning, and the big slaughter-house of Schwarzchild & Sulzberger had a sarrow escape. One of the firm's outhouses was reduced to ashes, and just as the flames were reaching over to the fat-house they were auddenly ex-

The damage will not be very heavy. The police figure out that the city, as owner of the pier, will lose \$5,000, and the Chicago meat men about \$200 on their

The materials which went up in smoke and the comparatively slight loss would in themselves not count for much, but there were scenes and inci-dents connected with the blaze which make the story unusually interesting. To begin with, there was the origin of

ime and again has the story of the life of the "wharf rat" been written. New York knows that there are hundrade of human beings, nursed in the

and sleeps under the city's piers and around the wharves.

It has been told how Italians, hundreds of torm, live in the same way: now they sleep within a few feet of the the boards or the piers or the sand hills or rubbish, through which they dig holes, burrowing, as it were, like a rabbit.

Te this colony of Italian rag pickers, whice is only a shade removed from the of this morning.

Cleaning Department are favorite living places for them. The pler at the foot of Forty-sixth street was particularly sough: for. It extended far out into the river was covered with heavy planking pieced so closely together that scarcely Aroo of rain water could leak through.

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A ROW OVER THE MAPS. board to use the sea water, so not New York Central Opposes Commiswater was brought into play.

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CITY WINS THE SUIT-

Chamberlain Estate Claim to Damages and a Bulkhead Lost.

Justice Andrews, in the Supreme Court, to-day, dismissed the suit of Theodore mpson and Frank Phelps, representing the executors of Mary B. Chamberlain against the city to recover \$30,000 damages and 100 feet of buikhead at West and Beach streets.

The evidence in the case consisted principally of city records, running back to 1800, when the city granted to John D. Murray and William Ogden a lot, which was then under water, in payment for work in filling in and building Beach

kno a now, at night, and at dawn they were up, cooked their breakfast, then a med with all kinds of implements they day ard raked through the ashes and garbage overhead.

They Built Many Fires.

That colony of thirty was up before 6 o'clock this morning, and less than half an hour later had built many fires.

town.

At a special meeting of the Dock berger's watchman, Leopold Glack, and the latter, after alarming all the workmen, turned in a call for the firemental was followed immediately afterwards by a second alarm.

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Then the butchers and other employees in the shughter-house rushed down the pler. The scow Frank was dangerously near the building so it was towed into midstream. Word had also been telephoned to the Street-Cleaning Department stables, Seventeenth street and East River, and Supt. Meade ordered the tug Restless to go to the acree.

Cold Water Against Hot.

There is where the first trouble began, and it came near resulting seriously. The tug was stationed on the south side of the pier. The flames were then shooting fully 150 feet in the air. There had been a long delay at the start, as the firemen's axes for a time failed to cut through the heavy planking and timbers.

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Will Sit To-Day for a White House Portrait.

To Look His Best and Wear Pleased Expression.

Though the principle of the principle of

been turned over to the City Chamber-lain.

The pot or kettle used for the morning meal consisted of a milk can set upon a number of bricks laid on a cross piece. Having built the fires, the Italians busied themselves in other matters while breakfast was cooking.

The man employed by the city to watch the pier is Michael Kelly. It was just 6,30 o'clock this morning when he saw smoke stealing up in thin col-

mander of the Department of New York, was given an informal reception by his associates in the County Cierk's office this mirrors. Gen. Attained was presented with a magnificent floral horseshes and a series of resolutions engressed on veiling.

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THIEVES IN BROOKLYN.

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Justice Bartlett, in Supreme Court, Brookly: Elected by the Zoologicals.

The Board of Managers of the New York
Zoological Society met at hoon to-day at 214
Broadway, and elected these officers: President,
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Cruiser New York to Go to Kiel. | Wool Cheviots, Orders were received at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard this morning to have the United States cruises New York sail at once for Kiel. Capt. Evans says the cruises will sail temporary aftera at 4 o'clock. The cruiser Columbia will all the latest for Kiel early Monday.



Life Is a Burden

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Mayor Schleren Vetres the Bill to Raise Salaries.

NO MORE PAY FOR POLICE.

Mayor Schieren, of Brooklyn, to-day were reported to the Brooklyn police forwarded to Albany with his disapthis morning. Detectives were sent to proval the bill providing for the increas-Ex-President Parrison is in training investigate each case and to catch the increase of its grade policemen in the Brooklya to look pleasant while getting his portrait painted for the White House. For that reason, he said, this morning he would not discuss polities, because he does not consider the subject one that tends to create a please and valued at \$25, and the subject one that tends to create a please and Nuctive high the formulation with the disapproval of the bill providing for the increase of its tegrade policemen in the Brooklya Department from \$1.09 a year to \$1.290. According to the new Constitution, which provides that the Legislature must repass all bills not approved by the Mayor, the measure is killed. The Mayor forwarded the following the bill providing for the increase of its tegrade policemen in the Brooklya Department from \$1.09 a year to \$1.290. According to the new Constitution, which provides that the Legislature must repass all bills not approved by the Mayor, the measure is killed. The Mayor forwarded the following the bill providing for the increase of its tegrade policemen in the Brooklya Department from \$1.09 a year to \$1.290. According to the new Constitution, and the providing for the increase of its tegrade policemen in the Brooklya Department from \$1.09 a year to \$1.200. According to the new Constitution, and the providing for the increase of its tegrade policemen in the Brooklya Department from \$1.09 a year to \$1.200. According to the new Constitution, which provides that the Legislature must repass all bills not approved by the Mayor, the measure is killed. The Mayor forwarded the following the provides that the following the provides that the following the provides that the part that the provides the provides that the provides that the provides that the provides that the part that the provides that t



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